

never come under Turkish rule, and has always been independent

Roumania was declared and recognized as a kingdom in 1881

Balkan unity is prevented by the jealousy between Bulgaria and Serbia, and the hereditary hostility between Bulgaria and Greece, augmented by the desire of both for the possession of
MACEDONIA

1878

hostility and which resulted in a brief war between Serbia & BULGARIA during the closing months of 1885. (2)

Prince Alexander & the Bulgarians were defeated by a larger SERBIAN army, and only the intervention of AUSTRIA-HUNGARY prevented them from invading SERBIA. In the hope that Russia would become more friendly, Prince Alexander abdicated ~~July 1887~~ SEPT. 1886

His successor was chosen in JULY 1887 - Prince FERDINAND of COBURG, whom the Powers, including Russia, failed to recognize until 1896 when Prince Ferdinand's son BORIS was received into the Greek Church. The National Assembly (SOBRANJE) confirmed BORIS as heir to the title. Serbia was proclaimed a Kingdom in 1882. A liberal constitution was promulgated by King MILAN, who

on Mar 6, 1889 abdicated in favor of his son Alexander I.

In 1893 Alexander I despoised with a regency, beginning a high-handed rule which aroused the hostilities of his people and on JUNE 11, 1903 he & Queen DRAGA were murdered. The SKUPSHTINA elected Prince Peter KARAGEORGEVITCH, who had been in exile, king as PETER I. MONTENEGRO